House Building Co-operative Societies constituted for the benefit of Depressed Class people in the State.

*Q.—496. **Sri K. P. REVANA SIDDAPPA** (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the number of House Building Co-operative Societies constituted for the benefit of Depressed Class people in the State during the last three years ?

A.—**Sri KONDAJJI BASAPPA** (Deputy Minister for Co-operation).—

Year.		*No.*
1960—61	...	11
1961—62	...	30
1962—63	...	33

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, NAMELY, HUNGER STRIKE OF PRISONERS.

†ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ ಗೌಡ (ತೀರ್ಥಹಳ್ಳಿ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಾ॥ 18-3-1964 ರಂದು ರಾಮನಗರದ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಕಮೀಷನರ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಭೂಹೀನ ರೈತರು ತಮಗೆ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುವಂತೆ ಒಂದು ಪಿಕೆಟಿಂಗ್ ನಡೆಸಿದ್ದರು. ಆ ಸಂಬಂಧದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೋಲೀಸಿನವರು 25 ಜನರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೇಸು ಹಾಕಿದ್ದರು. ಅದನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಸಿ ಆ 25 ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ವಾರ ಸಜಾ ವಿಧಿಸಿರುವ ವಿಷಯದತ್ತ ಮತ್ತು ಆ 25 ಜನಗಳು ರಾಮನಗರದ ಬಂದೀಖಾನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪವಾಸ ಸತ್ಯಾಗ್ರಹವನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿರುವ ಕಡೆಗೆ ನಾನು ನಮ್ಮ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಗೃಹಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಸೆಳೆಯಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

†**Sri R. M. PATIL** (Minister for Home).—Sir, I wish to narrate the facts of the case leading to the incidents that took place at Ramanagaram. On 18-3-1964, at about 11 in the morning, Krishna Gopal and his followers, with a view to coerce the Government, in order to secure landed property for their cultivation, took a procession to the taluk office, shouting anti-Government slogans. They squatted in the first instance outside, then entered the premises and squatted and interfered with the due discharge of duties by the taluka officers. This caused anxiety and ultimately, the Manager of the Office complained to the Police, Ramanagaram. In pursuance of this complaint, these people were arrested under Sections 143 and 186 of the I. P. C. for having interfered while discharging of duties by Government servants. When they were produced before the Court the same day, they confessed and admitted their guilt and in pursuance of that confession or admission, they were convicted and sentenced to 7 days rigorous imprisonment. The second batch of such people headed by another person, also joined in the procession and they went nearabout the premises of the taluk office. By way of preventive measure, the police arrested them under Section 151 of the IPC. This batch of convicted persons were taken to the lock-up at Ramanagaram